

Commissioner's Recommended Funding Level Fiscal Year 2004-05

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General Purpose Aid for Local Schools

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Annual Statutory Deadlines

- In December of each year, the Commissioner, with the approval of the State Board, shall recommend to the Governor and the Bureau of the Budget the funding levels for General Purpose Aid to Local Schools. (20-A M.R.S.A. Sec. 15606)
- No later than the Friday following the first Monday in January, the Bureau of the Budget shall annually certify to the Legislature the funding levels recommended by the Governor. (5 M.R.S.A. Sec. 1666)
- Prior to March 15th, the Legislature shall enact legislation regarding the above recommendations on the funding levels for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools. (20-A M.R.S.A. Sec. 15607)

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Appropriations:

	<i>03-04 Enacted</i>	<i>04-05 Recommended</i>
<i>Foundation</i>	<i>\$624,804,926</i>	<i>\$628,439,452</i>
<i>Debt Service</i>	<i>\$55,911,217</i>	<i>\$60,796,803</i>
<i>Adjustments</i>	<i>\$48,858,178</i>	<i>\$45,223,652</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$729,574,321</i>	<i>\$734,459,907</i>
<i>Current Appropriation FY2004-05</i>		<i>\$725,410,576</i>
<i>Additional Appropriation Needed:</i>		<i>\$9,049,331</i>

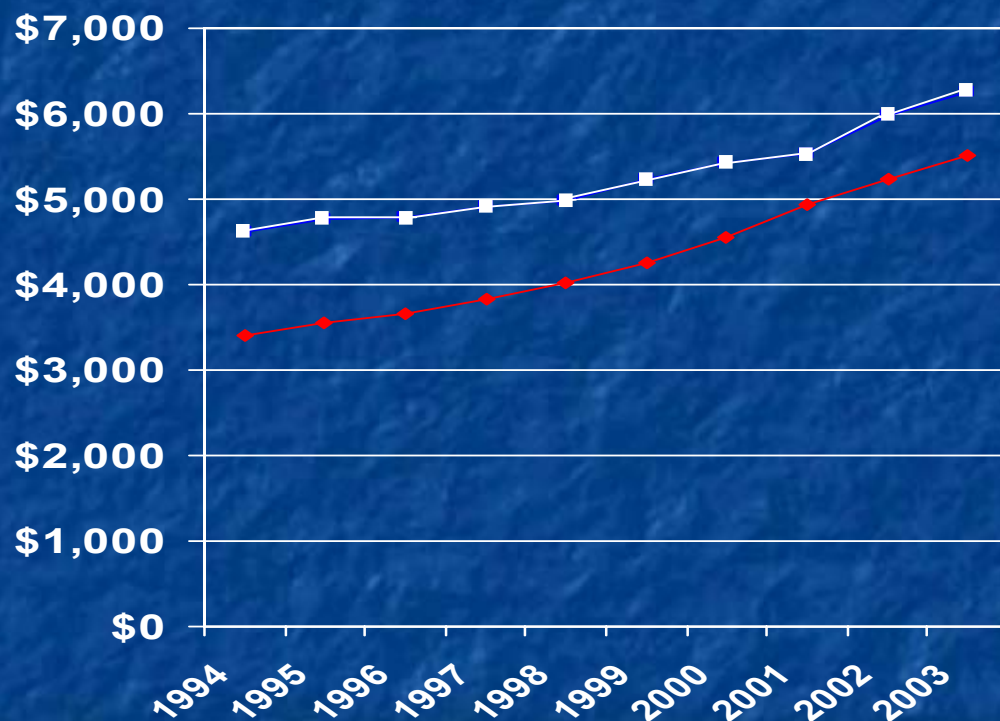
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	FY01-02	FY02-03		FY03-04		FY04-05	
<i>Operating</i>	437,353,381	429,834,890	-1.7%	428,764,716	-0.2%	428,218,937	-0.1%
<i>Program</i>	<u>163,504,362</u>	<u>179,554,011</u>	9.8%	<u>196,040,210</u>	9.2%	<u>200,220,515</u>	2.1%
<i>Foundation</i>	\$600,857,743	\$609,388,901	1.4%	\$624,804,926	2.5%	\$628,439,452	0.6%
<i>Debt Service</i>	\$58,446,035	\$59,467,101	1.7%	\$55,911,217	-6.0%	\$60,796,803	8.7%
<i>Adjustments</i>	<u>\$49,359,394</u>	<u>\$44,687,585</u>	-9.5%	<u>\$48,858,178</u>	9.3%	<u>\$45,223,652</u>	-7.4%
Total	\$708,663,172	\$713,543,587	0.7%	\$729,574,321	2.2%	\$734,459,907	0.7%
<i>Operating</i>	61.7%	60.2%		58.8%		58.3%	
<i>Program</i>	<u>23.1%</u>	<u>25.2%</u>		<u>26.9%</u>		<u>27.3%</u>	
<i>Foundation</i>	84.8%	85.4%		85.6%		85.6%	
<i>Debt Service</i>	8.2%	8.3%		7.7%		8.3%	
<i>Adjustments</i>	7.0%	6.3%		6.7%		6.2%	

Tables and Graphs

Per Pupil Operating Costs



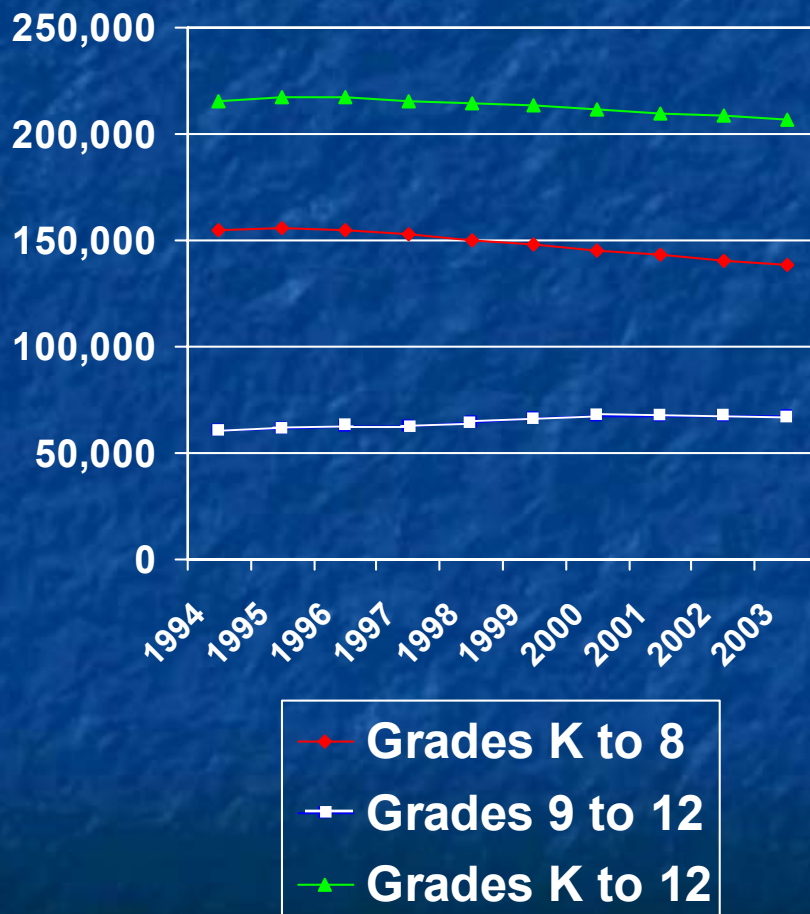
◆ Grades K to 8 ■ Grades 9 to 12

YEAR	Grades K-8.	Grades 9-12.
1994	\$3,396	\$4,623
1995	\$3,546	\$4,758
1996	\$3,656	\$4,786
1997	\$3,824	\$4,914
1998	\$4,014	\$4,973
1999	\$4,261	\$5,229
2000	\$4,553	\$5,422
2001	\$4,946	\$5,542
2002	\$5,230	\$5,978
2003	\$5,510	\$6,254

Note: Excludes expenditures for special education, vocational education, transportation, leases, major capital and debt service.

Tables and Graphs

October 1st Enrollments



YEAR	GRADES K-8	GRADES 9-12	GRADES K-12
1994	155,176	60,796	215,679
1995	155,309	61,926	217,369
1996	154,361	62,880	217,209
1997	152,525	62,748	215,273
1998	150,004	64,838	214,842
1999	147,803	65,909	213,712
2000	144,922	66,870	211,792
2001	142,812	67,133	209,945
2002	140,853	67,758	208,611
2003*	138,550	67,758	206,308

*Preliminary

Note: Excludes pupils from the Unorganized Territory.

Major Capital Improvement – Debt Service Ceiling

Debt Service Impact – Estimate FY 2005 through FY 2009

